

GRADY CO. CONTEST IS CLOSE

Harris Men Profess Confidence that Victory
Will Perch on Their Banner When
Final Clash in Convention
Comes

M'GRAW WARRIORS CONCEDE NOTHING

Claim Chickasha Delegates by Good Lead
But Foes Assert Even Break in
City; Color Line May
Cause Friction

The pretty little fight on national committee, which has been staged by the leaders and the near-leaders of the Republican party of Grady county is fast drawing to a close. When the clock strikes 1 in the afternoon, Saturday, the beginning of the end will have been well started. When the clock strikes two times on the same afternoon, the beginning of the end will be well under way, and from what may be gathered from the leaders and the near-leaders, when the clock strikes 2 and a quarter the end will be well in sight and the flags of the defeated will be bedraggled with dust and ashes, while the banners of the victors will be shaking their silken folds to the balmy breezes of victory.

Up to the hour of going to press to-day the McGraw man, in the local fight for supremacy, are openly conceding nothing to the Harris men, but are said, by the Harris element to be making and offering and tendering all manner and kinds of terms in order that their defeat may not become a rout.

The supporters of "Big Jim" allege that they have the convention which will be held Saturday afternoon, last, secured, and gone with. The Harris men allege that while the McGraw men have fought them to a stand still in Chickasha, that the country has rallied nobly to the Harris standard.

The McGraw supporters are still claiming Chickasha with a good lead. The Harris supporters, who, like the McGrawites, claimed Chickasha and the fullness thereof yesterday, are to-day conceding that the McGrawites made a few home runs at the precinct meetings and that the best "Big Jim" may hope for in Chickasha will be a stand off. Out of the eight precincts including the one outlying precinct, McGraw men claim a majority, while the Harrisites say it will be a 50-50 split.

"But," according to a Harris booster and worker and shouter "the boys from the forks of the creek are coming in playing the Harris hand, riding in the Harris band wagon and making all kinds of Harris noise." In substantiating this claim the Harris faction allege that the country delegations will line up as follows: For Harris, Mince, Pocasset, Amber, Rush Springs, Bailey, Simpson; doubtful, Tuttle, Verden and Norge.

The Republican County Central committee will meet in the office of Judge Eugene Hamilton president of the Grady County Republican club, at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, at which time credentials of delegates will be passed upon and the possible selection of the temporary organization's officer made. The names of those chosen in this selection will be presented to the delegates for approval with the convening of the convention at 2 p. m.

Rumor has it, without authentication, however, that a little friction may arise between "illy whites" and those who may favor seating a "cheeser-board" delegation. It is also alleged that many of the rank and file of the unbleached element of Grady's division of the U. O. P. feel that they should have recognition, at least in the pow-wow end of their party's doings.

MEXICAN IS BURIED.

The remains of the Mexican, Juan Lucio, shot and killed on the 3d of May by Amelious Gerrero, another Mexican, near Norge, was buried in the Chickasha city cemetery yesterday afternoon. The show undertaking company, who have had the body

MERCHANTS TO MEET AT 8 O'CLOCK TONIGHT

Do the merchants want to pull off a May Festival that will bring the people to Chickasha from "miles and miles around?"

This is the question that will be decided at a meeting of all the retailers in the city, to be held this evening at the C. & F. bureau headquarters, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock.

A committee that was appointed recently to submit plans for the proposed festivities will make a report and it will be up to those present to decide the matter. The committee will recommend a program for two

days of "big do's," participated in by all the school children in the county, with some special inducements for securing the co-operation of the schools.

It is felt that the meeting this evening is of such importance to the business interests of the city that no merchant can afford to remain away from it. Representatives of all lines of business, regardless of membership in the Retailers' association, are urged to be present and take a hand in the proceedings. Remember the hour, 8 o'clock sharp.

TWO CARS OF BOOZE CAPTURED

W. A. Worley, deputy United States marshal, this morning applied to United States Commissioner Eugene Hamilton for warrants against Frank Jones and Peck Smith, charged with introducing two car loads of intoxicating liquor into the old Indian Territory or that part of Oklahoma in which introducing of intoxicants is prohibited by federal laws.

According to the statement of Deputy Worley, Jones and Crouch had in their possession at Waukika, when arrested, two carloads of national disturbance which they had shipped from Texas to Oklahoma for alleged distribution.

Waukika is said to occupy a townsite which lies partly in old Oklahoma territory and partly in the old Indian Territory. Unfortunately for the defendants the Rock Island railway was so nonconscientious as to locate its Waukika yards in that section of the city lying in the old Indian territory.

How many barrels of booze and foaming lager were taken by the officers of the law when the defendants were arrested was not set forth in the statement of the deputy marshal in applying for the warrants. The defendants will have a hearing before Judge Hamilton, as United States commissioner, Friday.

THREE FIRE CALLS ARE ANSWERED

No. 2 station of the Chickasha fire department was called out at 1:12 this afternoon to a fire which had started in a barn on the premises of S. Brooker 414 South Eighth street. The fire is supposed to have originated from embers from a trash fire in the yard. No damage reported.

At 3:45 yesterday afternoon station No. 1 responded to an alarm turned in from the residence of Joe. Baum, 719 Iowa avenue. A grass fire had communicated its flames to a chicken house in the rear yard. No damage reported.

At 8 last evening No. 1 station of the department responded to an alarm turned in from the residence of Dr. T. H. Williams, 1001 Chickasha avenue. The fire was discovered in an unoccupied servant's house. None know how the fire started. Damage reported as slight.

PREDICT LINEN FAMINE.

COLUMBUS, O., March 15.—Columbus merchants predict a linen famine this year. Women, they claim, who have been accustomed to wearing linen waists and skirts during summer will find it practically impossible to secure such linen. The foreign supply of the cloth is almost entirely shut off. The American output is small. The prices, merchants say, will be higher than in the last 15 years.

of Lucio in charge since the date of the killing, made the interment after a determined effort to locate any friends or relatives of the deceased had failed.

PLANS FOR GUN CLUB LAUNCHED

A number of Chickasha's male citizens, with a fondness for out door sports, met at the city hall last evening and outlined an initiatory plan looking to the effecting of a gun club organization.

Different plans were discussed at the meeting and arrangements made to meet at an early date and perfect the organization. At this meeting a roster will be submitted containing names of all marksmen who care to become members and the matter of selecting permanent grounds for trap-shooting will be decided upon. These grounds will possibly be selected in a spot convenient to the car lines and of easy access to all.

At the coming meeting a permanent organization will also be effected and officers to serve for the ensuing twelve months will be chosen.

Among those present at last night's meeting were H. T. Bettis, J. E. McNeil, C. R. Gelsa, O. A. Neal, Jos. Lindsay and a number of others.

PROGRESS REPORTED BY CHURCH

The congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church, held last evening was well attended and a great deal of routine business was transacted, followed by a social session, which was enjoyed by all in attendance. All the business session reports were received from all departments of the church.

The reports of the Chickasha church showed financial conditions to be good, with all obligations incurred during the past year discharged and a healthy balance in the treasury. The reports also showed a most material increase in the membership and attendance of the classes of the Sunday school, while the church membership also showed an increase.

Officers of the session, also members of the board of deacons and of the board of trustees were chosen at the meeting. On the board of deacons the following were chosen to serve: J. A. Denny and I. A. Lattin, succeeding themselves, and J. J. Rhea to succeed C. A. White, and Thomas Loscy, succeeding J. C. Corbett, deceased. On the board of trustees the following were chosen: B. F. Lovajoy, succeeding Thomas Loscy; F. L. Slusher and T. W. Perkins.

At the close of the business session the congregation adjourned to the parish house, where the ladies of the Social Circle served dainty refreshments, after partaking of which the congregation enjoyed a most pleasant social session.

PIONEER CITIZEN PASSES

AWAY NEAR MAYSVILLE
Shell Sparks, brother of J. B. Sparks, for many years a resident of Chickasha, died yesterday morning at his home near Maysville. The deceased was a pioneer in Indian Territory and was well known as a farmer and stockman. He was about 50 years of age and is survived by a widow and four children. Interment occurred today at Maysville.

THRONGS GREET KING PETER AT SALONIKI



This photograph shows part of the great crowd gathered along the water front at Saloniki, Greece, to welcome King Peter of Serbia on his recent visit to the camp of the allies.

MOOSE TO MEET HERE MAR. 22ND

Will Hold Congressional Convention to
Choose Delegates to National Con-
clave and to Pick Presiden-
tial Electors

Chickasha is stepping right into the middle of the limelight in the matter of political gatherings during the present year. In addition to gatherings of Democrats, the congressional convention of the Republicans held their primary pow-wow in Chickasha and the followers of Jim Harris and McGraw, candidates for Republican national committee, fought back and forth and around the precincts of Chickasha in making the candidacy of their political luminaries a matter of state interest.

And now the followers of the Big Bull (Moose) will rally here in congressional convention.

According to the call which has been sent out by John M. Hale, state chairman of the Progressive party, the Progressives of the Sixth congressional district will assemble in Chickasha, meeting in the council chamber of the city hall, during the afternoon of Wednesday, March 23.

The Progressives of the Sixth congressional district will rally here from the following counties: Grady, Blaine, Canadian, Comanche, Cotton, Jefferson, Kingfisher and Stephens.

Like the other congressional districts, the Sixth will elect one delegate and one alternate to the National Progressive convention, to be held in Chicago on June 7 next, and will designate one presidential elector and two electors at large, casting one vote for two delegates at large and one vote for two alternates at large to the National Progressive convention, and one vote for national committee-man and one vote for state chairman of the Progressive party in Oklahoma.

MILITANT MINISTER STARTS NEW CHURCH

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—The Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, Philadelphia's militant clergyman, no longer is connected with St. John's Protestant Episcopal church, from which he was suspended by Bishop Wheland, but now is the presiding bishop and pastor of St. John's Independent Protestant Episcopal church, a new denomination.

The founding of the new church marked the ending of the two year controversy between Richmond and Bishop Rhinelander, growing out of the former's free speech utterances. According to Richmond, hereafter he will devote his time to constructive work as a minister and will make no further attacks on the bishop.

COOPER CONTRIBUTES GOOD ONE TO FORD JOKE COLUMN

O. C. Cooper county agricultural agent, is the driver of an asthmatic Ford, five or less passenger auto car. And the car has, during the time it has been the property of Mr. Cooper, done valiant service. It has covered multitudinous miles of Grady county geography; it has climbed hills at which a less determined piece of mechanism would have balked; it has wheezed and barked and coughed and struggled and ripped and ranted and stood upon its hind legs and snorted and spit fire and gasoline vapor, but it has always "got there."

So persistent has this piece of traveling machinery been in reaching its destination whenever tried, that Mr. Cooper had become used to placing his trust implicitly in it. Friends state that Mr. Cooper had grown so blind in his confidence in this car that it was his wont to crank the varmint, jump aboard and throw in the clutch without giving a thought to the car's mechanism. "The hind wheels will get there, just a little bit after the front wheels arrive," was Mr. Cooper's belief—unshattered until this week.

Tuesday afternoon, in company with County Superintendent Shepard and Mrs. Coryell, Mr. Cooper was out on school visiting business, busily engaged in telling the young folks how to organize corn and cotton clubs and raise blue ribbon hogs. He had left the schoolhouse and was transporting his co-workers to Tuttle where addresses were to be delivered and clubs organized that evening. With Mr. Cooper at the helm all was going merrily as a whole community of marriage bells when, like the wonderful one horse shay of dead and gone days, something began to rattle and to bump and to bang.

"Bumpety, bumpety, bump, bang, bang, bang, bang," spoke the something or other of the Ford.

The transport took a decided list to starboard, but the undismayed helmsman kept the vessel's nose straight ahead, while the prow bit deeply into the wind-tossed billows of sand.

"Seems like this buggy is running a little heavy," shouted Mr. Cooper to his passengers. "Seems like its running awfully rough," thought the passengers as they clung to the seats and longed for the shores of Tuttle to heave in sight. At last—

"Hey there! Wait a minute! Hold up! For the love of Mike stop 'er!" shouted Mr. Shepard. "Don't you see you've dropped your rear wheels?"

And such was the case. Stopping the car, Mr. Cooper turned about and witnessed the strange sight of the rear wheels of his Ford merrily chasing the balance of the car down the long hill, the slope of which the car was descending at the time of the accident.

A kindly rural mail carrier hastened a distress call into the garage at Tuttle; a relief wagon was sent out; the Ford was transported into the work shop and the speakers were on time to meet their suffering audience.

The car had actually traveled a hundred yards or more down the hill on its front wheels, dragging its rear, sled-like, through the sand.

BIG LINER HITS MINE POSITION IS STORMED BY FRENCH

AMSTERDAM, March 16.—The largest and fastest Royal Dutch liner, the Tanbantia, bound for Buenos Aires, struck a mine in the North sea and is sinking, according to dispatches received early this morning. Vessels are hurrying to assist the liner.

Latest reports said the Tanbantia sank three hours after it struck the mine. The vessel carried 87 passengers and a crew of 300. All are reported saved.

Liner Barely Missed.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The captain of the Faber liner Patricia, with 900 passengers, including 20 Americans on board reports that his vessel was attacked without warning by a submarine on March 1, the torpedo missing by about 30 feet.

HELD ON BURGLARY CHARGE.

Henry Carter, the negro charged with unlawfully entering and burglarizing the store of George Thomas, at Norge, on the night of March 3, was before Judge A. C. Fuller in preliminary hearing this morning. After hearing the testimony of a number of witnesses, Judge Fuller ordered Carter held to the district court in the sum of \$1,000 bond. In default of bond the defendant was remanded to jail.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Tonight and Friday, fair, warmer.

Local Temperature.

During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:

Maximum, 54 degrees.

Minimum, 32 degrees.

MILITIA TO BE CALLED TO BORDER

Arizona, New Mexico and Texas to Furnish Men to Protect Communities
Along Boundary; Situation Regarded as Acute

PERSHING FORCES PUSHING FORWARD

Crossing Chihuahua Desert Following
Villa's Line of Retreat; Column Making
Forced March to Relieve
Colonists

By United Press.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 16.—The Arizona, Texas and New Mexico militia will be ordered to the border for guard duty within a week it was stated at the fort here today. These troops will be used to protect the border communities from Brownsville to Douglas.

Gen. Funston regards the border situation as acute, particularly opposite Douglas. Presidio, Texas, is another danger point.

Invasion Proceeds.

By United Press.

EL PASO, Tex., March 16.—After spending the night encamped at the Palomas lakes, 9 miles inside of Mexico Gen. Pershing's forces are pushing forward on the trail behind cavalry scouts, and artillery, crossing the alkali wastes of the Chihuahuan desert on Villa's line of retreat which is marked by Villista wounded who were abandoned Thursday.

Dodd's column from Culbertson's ranch is reported to be striking south along the foot hills of the Sierra Madras, making a forced march to Duhlan to relieve the Mormon colonists.

News Withheld.

By United Press.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 16.—Only one message had been received from Gen. Pershing up to noon today and publication of it was withheld.

The leased wire from Columbus to San Antonio will be used for the transmission of military news, being under government control.

It is believed at the fort that forces many times larger than those now under Pershing will shortly be involved in the Mexican campaign.

On Trail of Villa.

By United Press.

EL PASO, Tex., March 16.—According to information obtained here 3,500 American soldiers under General Pershing are hitting the trail after Villa, their immediate destination being Guzman, which is 60 miles south of Columbus on an air line.

Col. Slocum, with the fighting Thirtieth is said to be in the vanguard of the American force. The Seventh and Tenth cavalry from Hachita, N. M., are moving to join Gen. Pershing at Guzman and Carranza forces are co-operating with him.

The report that Gen. Pershing met opposition at the border proved to be unfounded. Villa is reported to be in the Galena district near Pearson.

Seven aeroplanes, it is reported, will fly from Columbus and join Col. Slocum at the head of the expedition which will spread out with the idea of enveloping Villa.

Press association correspondents are right at the front with Col. Slocum, but a rigid censorship continues. No clashes have yet been reported and there have been no further raids by the Villistas.

American Fleet.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Americans from the colonies at Nazcoari and Torreon are in flight toward the United States, according to advices to the state department today.

Destroyer Is Sent.

By United Press.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 16.—The U. S. destroyer Stewart left today for Ensenada, Mexico, where there are 100 Americans and where it is feared the Carranzista garrison will revolt.